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Re: 49 CFR Part 397
Federal Register Notice of June 17, 1993

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is pleased to submit the following in response to the June 17, 1993 request for comments on the proposed rulemaking concerning Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

The NFPA sponsors national consensus codes and standards on fire protection and related hazards. On behalf of our 64,000 members of which approximately 15,000 are career and volunteer fire service members - the Nation's "first responders", we support the FHWA efforts to establish special rules and a permit system for motor carriers engaged in transporting high risk hazardous materials, such as Class A and/or B explosives. The NFPA believes the safety permit requirements would provide additional incentives for safe transportation of said hazardous materials in interstate and intrastate commerce.

NFPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposed rulemaking. Please feel free to contact me if we can be of any assistance to you in developing these regulations.

Sincerely,

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